forest area for coffee plantation is against the interest of maintaining biodiversity and the environmental attributes of the forest. It will also have an adverse impact on the rights of the local people.

(d) No, Sir.

Environment clearance to Bangalore-Mysore Infrastructure Corridor Project

2780. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bangalore-Mysore Infrastructure Corridor Project is pending for clearance before an Expert Committee of the Ministry of Environment and Forests;

(b) if so, the details of the Project and since when, it has been pending; and

(c) by when, it is expected to be accorded clearance?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) The Central Government has since accorded environment clearance to the Bangalore-Mysore Infrastructure Corridor Project on 8.8.2001.

Pollution by CNG vehicles

†2781. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pollution created by CNG vehicles can cause some physical diseases;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to deal with the problem?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) No conclusive data are available in this regard.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.